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## **Attention: Medicaid Physicians, FQHCs, RHCs, Health Departments, and Nurse Practitioners**

### **Reduction of Office Visits**

Effective for dates of service May 1, 2004 and thereafter, the number of physician office visits for each Medicaid recipient will be reduced from 14 to 12 per calendar year. Recipients are being notified of this change through Recipient Notice 04-02. Physician office visits include visits in offices, hospital outpatient settings, nursing homes, or Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

Additional physician visits are available, if medically necessary, for those children who have had an EPSDT screening (well child check-up) and referral.

Please refer to the Alabama Medicaid Provider Manual, Section 3.3.4, Appendix B, EMC Guidelines, and Appendix L, AVRS Quick Reference Guide for information about verification of benefits already paid by Medicaid.

This change is necessary due to Agency fiscal constraints.



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